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New World Festival & ACADEMY

Concerts at 'Cas di Cultura'



UNDER the direction of the famous Venezuelan/Swiss violinist, Simon Gollo, New World Festival & Academy (NMFA) continues with the free concert at 'Cas di Cultura'. It consists of a concert of master and students who will interpret String Quartet No. 2 in A minor, Op. 35 of Anton Arensky.

The musicians are Dmitri Berlinsky, Violin; Richard Young, Viola; German Marcano, Cello and Marcio Carneiro, Cello.

On Friday, a series of concerts will start again with the play of Johannes Brahms, Piano Trio No. 1 in B major, Op. 8, revised version (1889) played by Arnaldo Pizzolante, Piano; Simon Gollo, Violin and Marcio Carneiro, Cello.

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SARAH-Quita Offringa tells about the period that she spent abroad. Difference of time and difference of temperature is what Sarah-Quita had to deal with during a period of 7 weeks away from home. She visited 7 countries from Maui to Korea. Much work with different goals.

At Maui she had to comply with the photo shoot for sponsor of her board veil, Neil Pryde and of her board, Starboard for the promotion of the 2016 products. Then will follow the competition in Korea where she nails her first victory of the competition of PWA in the 'slalom' discipline.

Sarah-Quita is also the ambassadress of Good Will for giving events a special touch with her presence, this was the case at Gruissan, Francia during the popular Défi wind Challenge.

The event was a physical challenge for the 1200 participants who registered for windsurf due to the wind of 40 to 60 knots when the wind "la Tramontana" started to

blow.

During 4 days, she participated in winds with the hurricane force and she focused only to cover the distance of 40 km with a speed of 30 km per hour and to get out of the sea without scratches.

Next to that she is working on a project with two professional photographers where she figures as the main protagonist of a film of a girl that windsurfs around the world searching for exceptional places to windsurf.

One of her searches takes her to an Island where she encounters cold and windsurfs in the Antarctic condition with nature scenery as fjords, icebergs, thermal water, lagoons, Ice Rivers, waterfalls and mountains covered with snow that forms the scenery of the film. With her uncombed hair, Sarah-Quita is back in Aruba to relax, practice and mentally prepared herself for the next challenge which will be the competition in the Islas Canarias, where she will participate in the disciplines 'Ola' at Gran Canarias and Tenerife and also 'freestyle' at Fuerteventura.

The CLOCK is TICKING



DURING a press conference of the Political Party, 'Partido Democracia Real' (PDR) has Mr. Andin Bikker elaborated on the topic of the refinery and a motion that was approved in the Parliament during the Budget meeting.

Bikker explained, after not seeing anything taking place related the motion, decided to invite Minister Mike de Meza for a discussion on the motion referring to the refinery, that a commission will be installed so that they can research in a short term, if the reopening of the refinery is possible and that they will do their best efforts towards this aim.

He said that there were various meetings related to this motion. But in the last two weeks, nothing has been heard from the Government or from the Minister on the execution of the motion that was supposed to happen in a short term. Seeing that this motion was accepted and agreed upon unanimously, it is a direct order to the Minister to execute it.

"The clock is ticking. More so after AVP said that if no decision is reached for December, other directions will be taken."

This is the reason why PDR urge for this commission to start working, come up with reports of possibilities. The results of this commission, would give a signal to the

Government on what to do with the refinery. 'If they want reopening or if they do not want. They need not to stay ambivalent. The Minister must appear to this commission as soon as possible to explain how far the execution of this motion is. And who is the one who will be the head of the project and what is the plan.'

Bikker explained that two motions were agreed upon in the Parliament. One of them says that a commission should be established and in a short term and give a report on possibilities or options available for the refinery. And the second motion is the one that AVP wants to explore for only 6 months, that is at the end of the year.

Bikker thinks that the first motion is the one that has to have priority soon and here is where he believes there is a difference in opinion with the Minister in charge of Energy. The Minister wants for the interested parties to go to him, while Mr. Bikker believes that this has to happen through a commission that must prove that the country is interested in the reopening of the refinery.

"An effort has to be done on the part of the Government and they should send a signal. The Government must give an emphatic signal that they want the refinery to reopen."

Mr. Rene Herde corrects Mrs. Evelyn Wever Croes

It is NOT the Parliament but the Government that must form a commission

RENE Herde during a press conference of the AVP fraction elaborated on the topic of the evaluation of the reopening of the refinery through a commission. He reminded that the Parliament presented three different motions that were approved and that the Government is urged to act on each motion.

None urges for the Parliament to do so, as the leader of the MEP, Mrs. Evelyn Wever Croes is again trying to bring confusion. Of the three motions that were submitted on this topic, one was from the Fraction of MEP that urges the Government to present

a plan or reopening of the refinery to the Parliament. This plan is to research all options or possibilities to reopen the refinery. But this motion has not received the necessary approval.

There is also the motion of the Fraction PDR that asked to form a commission to evaluate the possibilities of the reopening of the refinery and present the report to the Parliament.

The third motion was from the Fraction of the AVP which urges the Government to continue to do all efforts to keep the interest of Aruba in priority.

All three motions urge the Government and not the Parliament to form a commission or sit on the chair of the Government. Therefore there is a separation of power where the Parliament controls and the Government executes. The Fraction of AVP made their investigations and heard that the Government is forming a commission of experts.

"We also want to explore all possibilities." Herde expresses. He also said that the creation of extra income and jobs are very important for Aruba. That's why we need to be diligent.



IBISA CLOSES REGISTRATION

of the 1, 2 & 3 Kilometer School run

WE are approaching the end of the school year and with it also all sports competitions organized by the IBISA for the schools in Aruba. The last activities on the program for this school year will take place in June. This will be the 1, 2 & 3 kilometer run for kids of primary schools.

IBISA is joining the Aruban Olympic Committee to organize this activity in combination with the "5K Walk & Run" to celebrate "World Olympic Day 2015". This will take place on June 13 2015. Participation on both activities will be free and will be held at the Linear Park.

Registration for 1, 2 & 3 Kilometer:

From the moment that it was announced that registrations are open for the 1, 2 y 3 kilometer run for kids of primary schools, the reactions started to come from the schools who registered list of names of kids who will be participating at the run. However, due to the amount of the registrations exceeded 500, we must say that IBISA closes the registration. On the day of the run, there will be NO registrations.

Prizes for 1, 2 & 3 Km:

Soon after the run is over, will continue awards ceremony. The 3 first places of each ages category will be rewarded for both boys and girls.

5K Fun Walk & Run:

After the 1, 2 & 3 kilometer run and while the results of the winners are being processed and awarded, will take place the "5K Fun Walk & Run" to celebrate the "World Olympic Day". Participation to this event is also completely free and open to all ages. Registration for the "5K Fun Walk & Run" can be done through email. Send our registration email to Mrs. Jacqueline Ponson-van Putten, Jacqueline.vanPutten@aruba.gov.aw.

The registration form for the "5K Fun Walk & Run" can be found on the IBISA Facebook page and can be downloaded. Fill in the form and email it to Mrs. Jacqueline Ponson-van Putten. The form can be filled individually or per group. You can also contact Mrs. Ponson-van Putten directly through her email or at 5824987, and at IBISA office at Frankrijkstraat #1.

IBISA and COA invite all parents of the children who are participating in this event, and whole Aruba to participate at the "5K Fun Walk & Run" to commemorate and celebrate the "World Olympic Day 2015".

Let us participate together with IBISA and the Aruban Olympic Committee to make "World Olympic Day 2015" celebration big and at the same time support our kids den their school event. With this we will bring the IBISA sports competitions for the schools to a grand end for this school year.



TRASH BY RONCHI launches the summer 2015 collection for PLUS SIZES

RENOWN for the impacting styles and for the plus size fashion, of all taste and budget, Trash by Ronchi launches the summer 2015 Fashion collection. Jeans, tops, jumpers and dresses that represent the last international tendencies are already in the boutique. The use of color, in an abstract form, with bold prints which surely is a remarkable tendency

for summer 2015. Trash has complete collection for all life's styles and events, from casual styles to formal styles. We offer optimal services to our clients and we also give important fashion tips that you can only receive at Trash. Like our Facebook Page Trash By Ronchi for more information on our summer 2015 collection.



Caribbean leaders will discuss STEPPED-UP ACTION to tackle chronic diseases

COUNTRIES must intensify efforts if they are to meet the goal of reducing premature deaths from chronic non-communicable diseases by 25% by the year 2025. The Forum of Key Stakeholders on NCDs is being held on 8-9 June in Bridgetown, Barbados.

St. Michael, Barbados, 8 June 2015 (PAHO/WHO) — Health leaders from throughout the Caribbean are meeting this week with representatives of United Nations agencies, collaborating agencies from Canada and the United States, development banks, academia and civil society to discuss actions that can be taken to reduce the impact in the Caribbean of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) such as heart disease, stroke, cancer and diabetes, and their associated risk factors. The "Forum of Key Stakeholders on NCDs: Advancing the NCD agenda in the Caribbean" has been organized by the Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) in collaboration with the Ministry of Health of Barbados, and is being held on 8-9 June in St. Michael, Barbados.

Compared with other sub regions of the Americas, the Caribbean has the highest rates of premature death (among people ages 30 to 69) from the four major NCDs: cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes, and chronic respiratory diseases. In addition, NCDs

are a major cause of suffering and disability, which, combined with direct and indirect economic costs, places a heavy economic and social burden on families, communities, health systems and economies.

Discussions this week will focus on how to reduce the impact of NCDs by addressing their main risk factors, by strengthening health systems and improving care for NCDs, and by engaging sectors beyond health to support and participate in efforts to tackle NCDs. In 2007, CARICOM leaders committed to the Port of Spain Declaration, a series of 27 commitments to guide action against NCDs. In 2012, Caribbean countries joined other PAHO/WHO Member States in endorsing the goal of reducing NCD deaths by 25% by 2025. Since then, Caribbean governments have been implementing measures addressing NCDs, and premature mortality from NCDs has begun to decline, though not fast enough to be on target to reach the 2025 goal.

"We need to intensify the public policy and health service response if we want to reduce the burden of NCDs and their risk factors on individuals, families and societies and prevent an even greater burden in the future," said Anselm Hennis, director of PAHO/WHO's Department of Chronic Diseases and Mental

Health. "Current trends clearly show that the Caribbean countries will not achieve the 25% relative reduction in premature mortality due to NCDs by 2025 if we continue the business-as-usual model."

Reducing risk factors

A large proportion of NCDs can be prevented by tackling the four related principle risk factors: tobacco use, harmful use of alcohol, unhealthy diet, and physical inactivity. Prevention is the key cornerstone of an effective response. Cost-effective measures, such as stronger regulations, including taxation, are needed to protect the population from these risks. Robust public policies are needed in other sectors such as finance, trade and agriculture.

"Healthier lifestyle choices are not simply a matter of individual choice," said Hennis. "We really must impact the social, economic, cultural and living conditions through whole-of-government and whole-of-society actions to make the healthy choice the easier choice."

Among specific areas to be discussed at this week's meeting are:

- The role of legislation and regulations in modifying unhealthy environments and reducing exposure to tobacco, harmful use of alcohol, unhealthy diet and physical inactivity (the top four NCD risk factors).
- Multi-sectoral action, with whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches that place health as an economic asset, required for economic development, and to create supportive environments for health and well-being.
- A comprehensive health-system response to NCDs that includes prevention and affordable access to health care, in the context of universal access and universal health coverage.
 - Stronger surveillance and improved monitoring systems to measure countries' progress in tackling NCDs and risk factors.
 - Innovative ways to efficiently and sustainably finance health systems and especially their response to NCDs and related risk factors, given the rising costs of care.
 - Strategies for ensuring that NCDs remain a high priority on the Caribbean political agenda.

Caribbean countries have shown considerable leadership on NCDs at the political level. In addition to CARICOM's 2007 Port of Spain Declaration, Caribbean leaders provided the main impetus for the 2011 United Nations High Level Meeting on Prevention and Control of NCDs. The Caribbean leaders fully endorsed the PAHO Regional Plan of Action on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases, 2013-2019, which defines the multi-sector policies, health service and surveillance actions needed to achieve the reductions in NCD mortality.





IT only took Spotify one day to get back into the conversation after Apple's big product event earlier this week. The day after Apple announced the upcoming launch of Apple Music; its own digital music streaming service, Spotify closed a massive new funding round

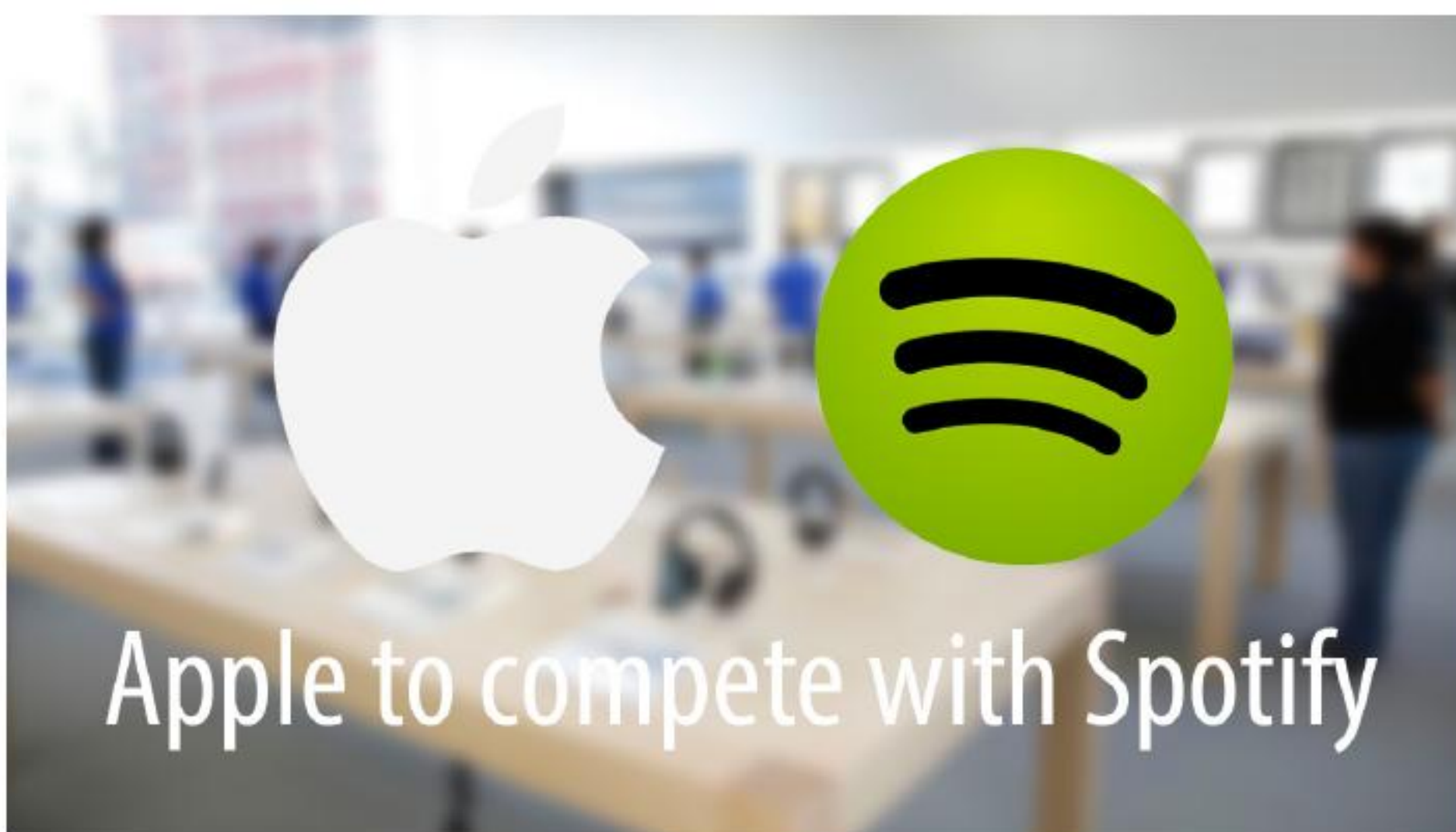
worth \$526 million. The investors include Goldman Sachs, GSV Capital, Asset Management Partners, D.E. Shaw, and a number of British and Canadian groups. The round amounts to a Series G for the Stockholm-based startup (it has raised \$1.1 billion to date), which is

helmed by founder Daniel Ek. The round also gives Spotify, already a tech "unicorn," a new valuation of \$8.53 billion, up from \$8 billion. For those keeping score, that's more than double Pandora's current market cap, and it's nearly triple what Apple paid for Beats By Dre.

This funding round had been in the works for months, long before Apple's announcement; the Wall Street Journal first reported the round in April, although it predicted the round would be just \$400 million. Still, the round's official closing brings Spotify immediately back into the conversation with some news of its own, after Apple achieved big hype from its big reveal.

Digital music companies - from Spotify to Pandora to Rdio to Jay Z's Tidal - are facing increasingly hot competition from both rival players, and from bigger, broader tech giants such as Sony and Google.

In the wake of Apple's announcement about Apple Music, there has been an attitude among many that the space will become a two-horse race between Spotify and Apple. Spotify's big new round bolsters that prediction and makes a big statement.



Raven-Symoné

Named Co-Host of The View

IT'S official: Raven-Symoné is now a permanent co-host on *The View*. The news was officially announced on Wednesday's show that the former *Cosby* Show star, who has served as a guest co-host several times, will join panelists Whoopi Goldberg, Nicolle Wallace and Rosie Perez effective immediately.

In a statement released by ABC, Raven-Symoné, called the appointment "another one of my dreams come true!"

After Wednesday's announcement at the top of the hour, the new co-host, 29, proudly shared with the audience: "I remember coming to show with the Cheetah Girls when I was 15," and said, "I'm very happy to be sitting with these smart, talented mentors." After that she presented some tasty gifts – bacon and sweets for several of the panelists

and potato chips and watermelon for Goldberg, 59.

She continued, "Being a part of *The View* family will be a wonderful growing experience for me. The cast and crew are warm and welcoming and have made the transition into daytime talk easier. I have a lot to learn within this new arena, but being the apprentice of these spectacular women will only make me a better person and talk show host."

Former moderator Barbara Walters, who remains an executive producer on the show, added, "Raven-Symoné is a welcome addition to *The View*. She is happy, amusing and well-informed, and has already brought a unique perspective to the program that has resonated with our audience." *The View* airs weekdays (11 a.m. ET) on ABC.



Health:

Is It BETTER to Sleep In Or Work Out?

SLEEP and exercise are both vital. But if you can't seem to fit in both, you can sometimes substitute a little of one for a little of the other.

When it comes to your health, there are few absolutes. But that's not the case with sleep and exercise. You need both, period. "I couldn't choose between the two," says Edward Laskowski, MD, a resident and professor of physical medicine at Mayo Clinic. "Sleep and exercise are like food and water."

Not only are both necessary, but it's difficult to get healthy doses of one without the other. "When you look at the research, regular physical activity is

important for high-quality sleep, and high-quality sleep is important for physical performance," says Cheri Mah, a sleep medicine researcher at Stanford University and the University of California, San Francisco. But when pressed to choose one that's more important, Mah grudgingly decides on sleep. "Sleep is foundational," she says. While specific needs vary from person to person, she says most of the scientific literature suggests adults need a minimum of seven hours of good sleep every night. "Lots of individuals think they can operate on less, but when you test them, you find they're not performing at their best,"

Mah says. "They get used to feeling tired, and they think that's the norm."

Sleep is the base on which a healthy mind and body stand, she explains. From your immune function to your mood, energy, appetite and dozens of other health variables, if that base is wobbly, your health will suffer. But let's assume you're getting your seven-plus hours every night. Can you sacrifice some zzzs a few times a week in order to fit in regular exercise? Yes, but with caveats, says Dr. Phyllis Zee, director of the Center for Circadian and Sleep Medicine at Northwestern University.



Suicide bomber ATTACKS TOURIST site in south Egypt's Luxor

A **SUICIDE** bomber blew himself up Wednesday close to the ancient pharaonic temple of Karnak in southern Egypt, a site visited by millions of tourists every year, the government said. No tourists were killed or hurt in the attack and the Nile-side monument sustained no damage.

The attack was the second this month near a major tourist attraction in Egypt, marking a shift in tactics in a campaign of violence waged by Islamic militants against the government of President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi. The attacks suggest extremists are shifting from their focus on shootings and bombings against security forces to targeting Egypt's vital tourism industry.

A sustained campaign would threaten to wreck an industry that has long been a main revenue earner for Egypt and is only just beginning to recover from the country's turmoil since 2011. On June 3, gunmen on a motorcycle opened fire outside the famed Giza Pyramids on the outskirts of Cairo, killing two police officers.

In Wednesday's violence in the southern city of Luxor, officials said security at Karnak thwarted what would have been a worse attack, by preventing the suicide

bomber from entering the temple complex and battling two gunmen who were with him, killing one and capturing the other.

Karnak is one of Egypt's biggest tourist draws, a giant complex of temples, colossal statues, obelisks and massive columns built by a succession of pharaonic dynasties. The oldest sections date back nearly 4,000 years.

Mohammed Sayed Badr, the governor of Luxor province, told The Associated Press that the attack was "an attempt to break into the temple of Karnak." They didn't make it in," he said.

Badr said three men carrying bags got out of a car in the temple's parking lot, which immediately made the police suspicious. One of the three began running when police ordered them to stop, so the police fired at him and an explosive belt he was wearing blew up. The Tourism Ministry said in a statement that the man detonated his "explosive device," killing himself instantly.

A second man had a gun and started shooting at the police before he was shot and killed. The third attacker was wounded in the shootout and arrested, Badr said.

Four others were wounded in the exchange of fire,

including two policemen and a staffer at the site, according to the Interior Ministry, which is in charge of police.

Badr said the nationalities of the three attackers have yet to be determined. There were only a handful of tourists and Egyptians inside the temple at the time of the attack, security officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

The blast scattered debris across much of the temple's parking lot. Hundreds of onlookers and workers from a line of stores just outside the temple gathered after the attack as ambulance cars rushed to the scene. An AP video shot at the scene showed what is believed to be the remains of the suicide bomber covered with a black plastic sheet with pools of blood nearby.

Tourism Minister Khaled Ramy said he expects the industry's slow recovery to continue despite the attack. "Security forces were there. It's a very important message to everyone," he told The Associated Press on a flight from Cairo to Luxor.

After meeting with the interior minister and the prime minister, el-Sissi praised the police performance and called for beefing up security at tourist sites.

Pope Creates TRIBUNAL to Investigate Child Abuse Cases



THE move marks the biggest step yet the Vatican has taken to hold bishops accountable

Pope Francis has established a new tribunal with powers to judge bishops accused of covering up sexual abuse of minors. The move follows years of criticism that the church has failed to punish the guilty.

The Vatican said Pope Francis had approved the proposals, aimed at making bishops more accountable, after they were put forward by his sexual abuse advisory board. The statement said the office would be set up "to judge bishops with regard to crimes of the abuse of office when connected to the abuse of minors."

The unit would be empowered to help prosecutors in criminal cases, the Vatican said. No bishop has ever been forcibly removed for covering up for guilty clergy, although in April, Francis accepted the resignation of a U.S. bishop who had been convicted of failing to report a suspected child abuser.

The Vatican said Wednesday that Francis had approved proposals made by his sexual abuse advisory board. They create a mechanism by which the Vatican can examine complaints of abuse of office by bishops and adjudicate them. It calls for the creation of a special judicial section inside the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

EU commits \$133 MILLION in investment aid for Latin American, Caribbean nations at summit

THE European Union has committed 118 million euros (\$133 million) in investment support for Latin America and Caribbean nations at the start of their two-day summit.

The EU Commission said Wednesday that the combination of loans, grants and other financial operations would seek to enhance trans-Atlantic cooperation.

The executive of the 28-nation EU said the support will center on the transport, energy and environment sectors in the nations.



A Thai University's New Dress Code Accommodates TRANSGENDER STUDENTS

BANGKOK University is among the first institutions in Thailand to formalize such a code

Thailand's prestigious Bangkok University launched a new policy this week that will allow transgender students to wear the uniform of their choosing, according to the institution's Facebook page.

The guidelines were first published by the School of Fine and Applied Arts and were later endorsed by the university as a whole. It is common for university students in Thailand to wear uniforms.

Nok Yollada, president of the Transgender Female Association of Thailand, was "glad to hear that this university lets the students choose the uniform which fits their desire and their gender," according to the BBC.

Transgender students across the country commonly mix and match elements from official uniforms to align with their chosen gender or stage of transition. However, Bangkok University is among the first institutions to formalize a transgender dress code.

Transwomen (sometimes known as "Ladyboys") have a high profile in Thai society, especially in the entertainment field.



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FIFA SUSPENDS BIDDING for 2026 World Cup Amid Corruption Scandal

SOCCKER'S scandal-plagued governing body FIFA announced yesterday that it has suspended the bidding process for the 2026 World Cup.

The United States is widely considered favorite to host the tournament, having narrowly lost out to Qatar to stage the 2022 edition of the world's largest sporting event.

As part of their landmark case into allegation corruption at FIFA, U.S. and Swiss officials are investigating the soccer body's bidding process for the 2022 event as well as the 2018 World Cup awarded to Russia.

"Due to the situation, I think it's nonsense to start any bidding process for the time being. It will be postponed," FIFA Secretary General Jerome Valcke told a news conference in the southern Russian city of Samara.

FIFA's compliance chief told a Swiss newspaper Sunday that Russia and Qatar could be stripped of their host status if evidence emerges of bribery in the bidding process.

Before the corruption allegations even emerged, the shock decision to award Qatar the 2022 World Cup had come under particular scrutiny.



Women's World Cup:

Marta breaks scoring RECORD



SHE'S possibly the greatest soccer player you've never heard of. Marta has won virtually every individual and team honor available throughout her illustrious career -- and now the Brazilian has another record to add to her collection. Her penalty in the 2-0 win over South Korea at the 2015 Women's World Cup propelled her to the top of the tournament's all-time goalscorer list with 15 goals.

She surpassed retired Germany

international Brigit Prinz and went two ahead of current USWNT star Abby Wambach who, at 35 years of age, is surely playing in her last World Cup.

It was fitting that her record-breaking goal came from the penalty spot against South Korea, 12 years after her first for Brazil at a World Cup -- which, incidentally, was also a penalty against the same opposition. However, the one major trophy to evade the 29-year-old has been the World Cup. Widely regarded as the best female footballer

of all time, can she really be considered the greatest ever without winning football's biggest prize? It is a question often asked about Argentina star Lionel Messi. Although, Marta has an international record and Ballon d'Or haul that would make even Messi's eyes water. Her goal took her to an incredible 92 goals in 93 matches for her country, while she has five FIFA World Player of the Year awards which came in consecutive years between 2006 and 2010.

Often referred to as "the female Pele" -- and by Pele himself as "Pele with skirts" -- Marta has long been an advocate for equality in women's football.

"I think it has changed a bit but that mentality still exists," she said in 2013. "There's still prejudice and that resistance regarding women not only on female football but in various activities.

"Men think that women are a bit fragile to perform some types of activities or don't have the ability and aren't strong enough. "That doesn't exist anymore. Women have shown they have capabilities in every sense better than men a lot of time, but it's that whole macho thing.

"There is hope for the future," Marta said two years ago. With her exceptional talents and record-breaking achievements, she certainly forms a large part of that hope.

Newcastle United appoint

Steve McClaren as new head coach

NEWCASTLE United have a new man in charge. Steve McClaren, 54, takes over the hot-seat at St. James' Park as the Magpies unveiled their new head coach on Wednesday. McClaren has been handed an initial three-year deal at Newcastle but the sleeping giant of English soccer states it "could be extended to eight."

The former English national team manager returns to the Premier League almost 10 years after he last coached in England's top-flight with Newcastle's north east rivals Middlesbrough. McClaren replaces John Carver who had a disastrous spell in charge on an interim basis following the departure of Alan Pardew in January, with Newcastle only avoiding relegation from the PL on the final day of the season.

McClaren made a name for himself as Sir Alex Ferguson's assistant at Manchester United and then won a League Cup title at Middlesbrough and led them to the Europa League final during his four year spell in charge at the Riverside. After that came a terrible spell as England's manager where he was fired after a year when the Three Lions failed to qualify for the 2008 European Championships. A nomadic spell has since followed with varying degrees of success as the Englishman led FC Twente to the Dutch title; but struggled at Wolfsburg, Nottingham Forest and a second-spell at Twente.

His last job was at Derby County but McClaren was fired in May after failing to guide the Rams to promotion from England's second-tier last season, while he led Derby to the playoff final in 2013-14 but they lost to Queens Park Rangers at Wembley.

Newcastle's Managing Director Lee Charnley has revealed that McClaren has been tasked with delivering a top-eight finish in the Premier League, while also has a "heavily incentivised" contract to deliver success in a cup competitions.

Talking for the first time as Newcastle's new boss, McClaren had the following to say:

"I am privileged to be appointed head coach of Newcastle United. This is a big club with a wonderful heritage," McClaren said. "St. James' Park is like a cathedral on a Saturday afternoon, a symbol for the city and I am excited to be given this opportunity. I know how important Newcastle United is to the city and the region. The supporters are some of the most loyal, passionate and devoted in the world. Despite everything they maintain their faith. We owe it to them to do everything we can to reward them with success."

A tactician and real student of the game, McClaren will get the chance to once again show the English public that he can manage a top-flight team to success. He will be under plenty of pressure to deliver a top 10 finish and challenge for cups at Newcastle — a demanding, complicated club with hugely passionate fans and an owner who has notoriously kept the purse strings tight — but it could prove to be exactly what he needs after spending time abroad and in England's second-tier trying to rebuild his reputation following his failure as England's manager. Newcastle hasn't won a domestic trophy since 1955 and McClaren's task is simple: bring success to St. James' Park.





Kolkata Knight Riders Co-Owner

Shah Rukh Khan Buys Caribbean T20 Team

SHAH Rukh Khan joined Hollywood stars Mark Wahlberg and Gerard Butler in investing in the Caribbean Premier League.

Bollywood superstar and Kolkata Knight Riders owner Shah Rukh Khan has bought Caribbean Premier League team Trinidad & Tobago, joining Hollywood biggies Mark Wahlberg and Gerard Butler.

Khan, who co-owns two-time IPL champions KKR, invested in the CPL team along with Juhi Chawla and her husband Jay Mehta. The third edition of the tournament will be played from June 20 to July 26.

Khan's KKR is one of the most celebrated teams in the IPL. Given his mass appeal as one of India's top actors, the Gautam Gambhir-led team is adored in several cities, away from home town Kolkata. But SRK's rubbing shoulders Wahlberg and Butler could add even further glamour to the CPL.

While Wahlberg owns Barbados Tridents, Butler has invested in Jamaica Tallawahs, led by Chris Gayle.

"This is in line with our vision globally. We are thrilled to become part of the cricketing tradition of Trinidad & Tobago," Khan, who became the first owner of an IPL team to buy an overseas cricket team, told the Times of India.